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## DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

### TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type:

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### INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) or the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### TITLE OF INVENTION

CLEC CONVERGENT BILLING SYSTEM

### SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which:

- (a)    is attached hereto.
- (b) X filed on 12/31/97, as Serial No. 09/002,276 or            was amended on            (if any).
- (c)    described and claimed in PCT International Application No.       , filed on        and as amended under PCT Article 19 on            (if any).

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPER AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §§ 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCI international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

- (d) ☐ no such applications have been filed.  
(e) ☐ such applications have been filed as follows:

PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS PRIOR TO THIS APPLICATION AND ANY PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d)

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year filed</u>	<u>Yes</u> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>No</u> <u>Priority Claimed</u>
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CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)  
(34 U.S.C. § 119 (e))

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>Provisional Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
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CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER US/PCT APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120

☐ The claim for the benefit of any such applications are set forth in the attached  
ADDED PAGES TO DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR  
DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR CONTINUATION-IN-PART (C-I-P)  
APPLICATION.

ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED MORE THAN TWELVE MONTHS  
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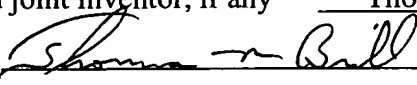
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### DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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